



## HOME LEARNING

Nursery

13/05/20

### Morning Message

Good Morning!

Did you make caterpillars yesterday? How long were they? Did you find making the paper chains easy or a bit tricky? Sometimes I forget how to stick the paper strips together to make a circle, so do not worry if you did too. I bet yours look great!

The maths today is going to finding things in your home, but an adult will tell you how many to find. They will first start by telling you the number, before showing you the number. Try your best to remember what the numbers look like. If you get stuck, you can look at one of our number songs on YouTube.

For phonics today, you will make animals noises and someone else has to guess which animal you are pretending to be. Try and think of as many unusual animals as you can. Not just the ones you sing about in Old MacDonald. I wonder what noise guinea pigs make. How could you find out? Well done for all your fantastic work, I am sure you are trying your best.

**Focus children this week: Jessie, Kiaan, Lara, Lucian, Mariam and Chloe.**

### Physical Development

#### Home racing

Have a race with someone in your home. As well as running, you could try different ways of racing. Make sure you have a start and finish line!

Maybe...

- Hopping
- Walking backwards
- Balancing something on your head
- Balancing something on your hand
- Moving on your hands and feet

## Singing and Action Songs

### Come Dance With Me

The children are used to singing this song with Mr Tang. I have included a video for the tune, with Makaton signing.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqEW8SW-3GQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqEW8SW-3GQ)

## Literacy (Writing/ Mark Making and Phonics )

### Mark making/Fine motor

Ripping paper

Ask your child to rip up a piece of kitchen roll, tin foil or paper into the smallest pieces that they can.

Then they can stick down the pieces to spell out their name. Write down their name (or they can!) for them to trace over.

### Phonics

Pretend to be different animals together.

Make the noises of different animals, can they guess what you are pretending to be? Can you guess who they are trying to be? Try and think of some unusual animals.



## Maths

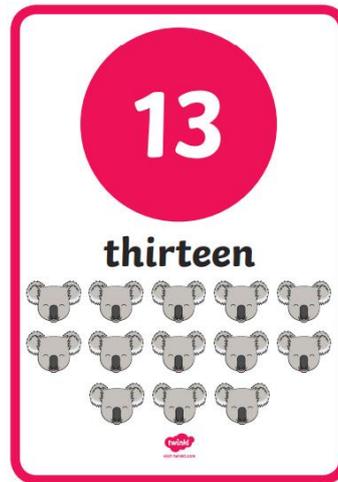
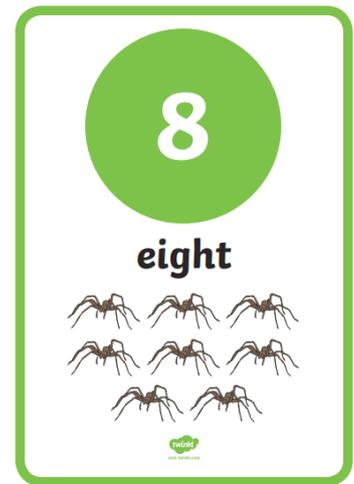
### Number

#### Collecting

This activity explores, do they know the quantity that number represents? Ask your child to go and collect a number of items from a larger pile. So they could collect 3 cars from a box of cars. Or 5 pencils from a pencil case full of pencils.

Progress through the numbers below in order, if they find the amounts easy then you can extend the amount to higher numbers. Make sure you recount together, modelling touching each one as you count the object (like in the image below).

You could start by telling them the number, before showing them the number. Do they recognise it?



## Topic /Cross Curricular /Around The House

### Suggested Activities to try throughout the week

Paint ice cubes. Freeze some paint and let your child explore with the ice cubes and paper. Do they use the ice to draw? Or do they try to mix together the colours? DO they find it easier to paint this way, or with a paintbrush? If your child does not like getting their hands dirty, you can freeze in a cotton bud or a lolly stick, so that they have a handle.



Make fruit kebabs together. If you are able to, you could make them from the fruit the Very Hungry Caterpillar eats! Or you could make them look like a caterpillar. Let your child help you make the kebabs. If they are able to wash, cut up or put the fruit onto the sticks then this will support their fine motor skills.



Watch this video about caterpillars: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=a75Jqde8k1I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a75Jqde8k1I) and this video about the life-cycles of butterflies: [www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0004xrx/sign/maddies-do-you-know-series-3-7-butterfly-and-wallpaper](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0004xrx/sign/maddies-do-you-know-series-3-7-butterfly-and-wallpaper) Make butterflies and caterpillars from junk modelling. You could decide to make a caterpillar or butterfly that you have seen in the videos, or make up your own!



Find a bowl and selection of containers suitable for using in water pouring activities. These might include pans, jugs, empty milk containers, plastic mugs, etc. Ensure the water is at a safe temperature. Let the children empty and fill with the water. Which container holds the most? How many cups of water go into the pan? How many does it take to fill an egg cup? By using a washing up bowl, or a large mixing bowl you will be able to keep the quantity of water down to a minimum to avoid wastage. The children can scoop the water from the bowl into the receptacles. Key words: liquid, pour, fill, compare, empty, full.



Make some vegetable soup together. Select a collection of vegetables that you think will make a tasty soup. It could be potatoes, broccoli, peas, cauliflower sweetcorn, carrots, leeks etc. It would be great to introduce them to vegetables they are not familiar with. Have they tried sweet potato or swede? What are their favourite vegetables? Here are some steps, you can adapt them to suit you and your family. Cooking together is a great way to explore maths, science as well as talking together.

### Stage 1

Wash the vegetables thoroughly

Look carefully at them and describe how they look, their texture and how they smell. Do they have skin? Are some vegetables smooth, lumpy, bumpy, shiny etc.?

### Stage 2

Carefully peel and prepare the soup contents

Be careful cutting the ingredients. Does the inside of the vegetable/fruit look different from the outside? Can you see seeds, patterns etc.?

### Stage 3

Place your ingredients in a large pan and add water

You might want to add herbs and seasoning. The adult can then look after the cooking of the soup for safety reasons. You may wish to add pasta towards the end of the cooking process.

Meri Meri have released a series of crafty mini makes to do at home. Some activities will require a printer, but there are some fun ideas from parachutes to sock puppets! The paper doll is a lovely activity to practise scissor skills (you may have to help with some of the smaller bits!), as well as talking about the different clothes people wear.

[www.merimeri.co.uk/pages/mini-makes](http://www.merimeri.co.uk/pages/mini-makes)